

# Fukuoka University Graduate School of Commerce Entrance Examination Guidelines for International Students April 2024 Enrollment

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## **Orientations for Entrance Examination**

The information will be posted on our website (<https://www.grad.fukuoka-u.ac.jp/>), soon after the details have been decided.

## **Announcement:**

### **Course system in M.A. Program and Master's degree**

Graduate School of Commerce provide two research courses in M.A. Program to make a clear distinction between research and education system. One is "Commerce Research Course" and the other is "Business Administration Research Course." In accordance with each course, either Master's degree: Master of Commercial Science or Master of Management, will be awarded.

## <Entrance Examination Guidelines for International Students>

### M.A. Program

### Ph.D. Program

◇Domestic applicants: the foreigner who resides in Japan

◇International applicants: the person who resides outside Japan

## 1. Number of Applicants

### M.A. Program

Program	Years	New Enrollee capacity
Commerce	2	15

\*The enrollment capacity includes all applicants who passed all entrance examinations.

### Ph.D. Program

Program	Years	New Enrollee capacity
Commerce	3	5

\*The enrollment capacity includes all applicants who passed all entrance examinations.

## 2. Qualifications for Application

### 2-1. M.A. Program

Applicants must meet one of the following conditions from 1) through 8) and the requirements\* after 2-1.8).

- 1) Persons who have graduated from a Japanese university under Article 83 of the School Education Law or those who are expected to graduate by March 2024
- 2) Persons who have completed 16 years of academic education outside of Japan or who are expected to complete it by March 2024
- 3) Persons who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 2024 a 16-year correspondence course provided by a school in a foreign country by completing the course in Japan
- 4) Persons who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 2024 a 16-year academic education at foreign university's Japanese school designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in Japan
- 5) Persons who have a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree by completing the course with the period for completion of more than 3 years\*<sup>1)</sup> at a foreign university or a foreign school\*<sup>2)</sup> or are expected to have done so by March 2024
  - \*1) Completion of a course of study in Japan by completing correspondence courses offered by a school in a foreign country and completion of a course of study at an educational institution designated in the school education system of a foreign country as specified in the preceding item, including completion of a course of study in Japan by completing correspondence courses offered by a school in that foreign country
  - \*2) As evaluated by the foreign government, accreditation organization or specified as equivalent to such educational institutions by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports and Science and Technology of that country
- 6) Persons who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 2024 a special training course of a special vocational school (limited to those that meet the criteria specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, including a minimum of 4 years of training) designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology on or after the date specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- 7) Persons who have been admitted to a graduate school in Japan under the provisions of Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the School Education Law (Grade-skipping), and who are recognized by our Graduate School as having the academic ability appropriate to receive a graduate school education \*<sup>Note)</sup>
- 8) Persons who have been recognized by our Graduate School, based on an individual screening of requirements for admission, as having an academic ability equal to or surpassing that of students who have graduated from a Japanese university, and who are 22 years old or will be at least 22 years of age by March, 2024\*<sup>Note)</sup>

**\*Persons who have an ability to pay expenses**

**\*Persons who will take lectures in Japanese must have ability in Japanese as specified by the Graduate School of Commerce**

**\*Note)**

**We will conduct the preliminary screening (screenings of the application documents and qualifications for applicants) for applicants who intend to apply to our Graduate School in accordance with qualifications 7) and 8).**

## 2-2. Ph.D. Program

Applicants must meet one of the following conditions from 1) through 7) and the requirements\* after 2-2.7).

- 1) Persons who have received a master's degree from a Japanese graduate school, or who have completed a course at a professional graduate school as stipulated in Article 104, Paragraph 1 of the School Education Law and have a degree designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, or who are expected to receive such a degree by March 2024
- 2) Persons who have received a master's degree or a degree equivalent to a professional degree outside of Japan, or are expected to receive such a degree by March 2024
- 3) Persons who have received, or are expected to receive such a degree by March 2024 a master's degree by completing correspondence courses offered by foreign schools in Japan
- 4) Persons who have completed, or are expected to receive by March 2024 a master's degree or a degree equivalent to a professional degree at an educational institution in Japan designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as having a foreign graduate school curriculum
- 5) Persons who have completed a course of study at the United Nations University established in accordance with the United Nations General Assembly resolution of December 11, 1972, as stipulated in Article 1, Paragraph 2 of the Act on Special Measures for Implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan concerning the Headquarters of the United Nations University (Act No. 72 of 1976), and have received or will receive by March 2024 a degree equivalent to a master's degree
- 6) Persons who have taken an educational course at a school in a foreign country, an educational institution designated under item 4, or a United Nations University, and have passed an examination and screening equivalent to those stipulated in Article 16-2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools, and have been recognized as having academic ability equivalent or superior to a person who holds a master's degree
- 7) Persons who have been admitted to the graduate school of the University with academic ability equivalent or superior to a master's degree, and who have reached 24 years old or who will reach 24 years old by March 2024\*<sup>Note)</sup>

**\*Persons who have an ability to pay expenses**

**\*Persons who will take lectures in Japanese must have ability in Japanese as specified by the Graduate School of Commerce**

**\*Note)**

**We will conduct the preliminary screening (screenings of the application documents and qualifications for applicants) for applicants who intend to apply to our Graduate School in accordance with qualifications 7).**

## 3. Examination Day/Application Period (for primary selection)

Application category			Examination Day	Application Period
Season	Program	Applicant		
Fall	◆M.A. Program	Domestic	September 13 (Wed.), 2023	July 10 (Mon.)-12 (Wed.), 2023
Spring	◆M.A. Program ◆Ph.D. Program	International	February 14 (Wed.), 2024	Accepted anytime
		Domestic		Deadline: October 31 (Tue.), 2023 December 4 (Mon.)-6 (Wed.), 2023

## 4. How to submit your application documents (for primary selection)

### ◆Opening Hours

From 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (except from noon to 1:00 p.m.)

### ◆Reception Place/Contact Information

8-19-1 Nanakuma, Jonan-ku, Fukuoka 814-0180, JAPAN

Fukuoka University Graduate School Office (6th floor, Central Library)

TEL: +81-92-871-6631 Ext. 2913-2916

**\*If you send the application documents by mail, it should be by registered mail and arrive by the last day for the acceptance of applications.**

**Please write down "Application documents for Graduate School of Commerce are contained" on the front of the envelope in red.**

## 5. Application Procedures

### [ Important notice]

Applicants are recommended to contact a faculty member you wish to have as your supervisor before your application.

Please email us with your personal information and a name of a faculty member, if you do not know his/her contact information.

Email address: [gakuin@adm.fukuoka-u.ac.jp](mailto:gakuin@adm.fukuoka-u.ac.jp)

### 5-1. Documents to be submitted (\*Application forms for International applicants are different, so please contact Fukuoka University Graduate School Office before your application.)

Please submit the required documents, with refer to the following explanations.

**\*The documents to be submitted differ depending on the qualifications of each applicant. Please submit any relevant documents.** Depending on the applicant's qualifications, the applicant may be asked to submit other documents in addition to application documents.

\*All documents must be written in Japanese unless otherwise specified.

\*The original certificates should be submitted except for those you have obtained permission to make copies. (Copies of the original certificates will not be accepted.) For any documents that require copying, the staff will make copies at the time of receipt at the Fukuoka University Graduate School Office and return the originals.

\*Generally, the date of issuance or notarization of certificates, transcripts, etc. must be within three months before submission.

\*Documents written in a native language for the applicant must be translated into Japanese or English.

### ◆ Domestic Applicants

#### Qualifications: 1)~6) in M.A. Program

#### Required Documents:

- 1) Application Form for Admission to Graduate School of Fukuoka University for International students, Secondary form, and Examination card (see designated form)
- 2) Academic transcript from the university you graduated from  
\*Please refer to page 15.
- 3) Certificate of graduation (or a diploma) or certificate of expected graduation from the university you graduated from  
\*Please refer to page 15.
- 4) One-page research plan (see designated form)  
\*Handwritten in Japanese in applicant's own handwriting (We will not accept the research plan created on a personal computer.)  
\*About 800 words (Your course plan is not necessary.)
- 5) Statement of Reasons (see designated form)  
\*Handwritten in Japanese in applicant's own handwriting (We will not accept the Statement of Reasons created on a personal computer.)  
\*Summarize the motivation for your application and purpose of your study from 400 to 800 words.
- 6) Certificate of Japanese ability  
Please submit either one of the following documents 6)-1 through 6)-4.
  - 6)-1 Certificate of N1 or N2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) administered by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services Foundation (JEES) and The Japan Foundation (Level 1 or Level 2 for students who took the exam before 2009)
  - 6)-2 Score report of "Japanese" of Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) administered by Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)  
\*The applicant must have a total score of 230 or higher in Listening Comprehension, Listening-Reading Comprehension and Reading Comprehension on any tests conducted over the past two years.
  - 6)-3 If it is impossible for applicants who graduated (are expected to graduate) from a Japanese university or completed (are expected to complete) a graduate school in Japan to submit the documents 6)-1 or 6)-2 mentioned above, please submit the "CERTIFICATE OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE ABILITY" (see designated form).<sup>\*Note)</sup>
  - 6)-4 If it is impossible for applicants with MEXT scholarship through Japanese embassies and consulate generals overseas to submit the documents 6)-1 or 6)-2 mentioned above, please submit the "CERTIFICATE OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE ABILITY" (see designated form).<sup>\*Note)</sup>

**\*Note)**

For the “CERTIFICATE OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE ABILITY” mentioned in 6)-3 and 6)-4, please ask someone who is a Japanese language instructor, a staff at any diplomatic missions abroad, or anyone appropriate to fill in the form.

7) Financial Support Plan (see designated form)

8) Proof of ability to pay school expenses and living expenses for one year (documents that verify the income listed in “Financial Support Plan”)

The following documents 8)-1 and 8)-2 must be submitted by all the applicants. Besides, applicants who meet any of the conditions of 8)-3 through 8)-6 must also submit documents according to the applicable conditions.

8)-1 Deposit balance certificate in the name of the applicant (in JPY or USD)

8)-2 Present your actual passbook or other documents that clearly show the history of deposits and withdrawals for the past year

\*If you are unable to submit it, please attach a statement of the reasons. (A4 size, any format)

\*If you send it by mail, please copy the complete pages of the necessary parts.

8)-3 If you have it already, please submit a copy of the “Permission to Engage in Activity other than that Permitted under the Status of Residence Previously Granted”

8)-4 Applicants who have received a scholarship permission after April of the admission year must submit a scholarship certificate

8)-5 If applicants receive remittances from a foreign country (such as relatives from home country), the applicant must submit a Letter of Financial Support (see designated form) <sup>\*Note)</sup> handwritten by the remitter himself/herself

8)-6 If applicants receive remittances from a resident in Japan (such as your family), the applicant must submit a Letter of Financial Support (see designated form) <sup>\*Note)</sup> handwritten by the remitter himself/herself

\*Please use your officially registered seal.

**\*Note)**

If the “Letter of Financial Support” stated in 8)-5 and 8)-6 is written in the native language, the applicant must attach documents that are translated into Japanese or English.

9) Certificate of Residence (without my number)

\*Issued by the municipal office with clearly stated the resident card number (or alien registration number), status of residence, and period of stay

10) Passport (The Fukuoka University Graduate School Office staff will make copies, so please bring the original.)

\*If you send it by mail, please copy the data page where your name, nationality and passport number are written and the photo of the passport holder is attached.

11) The applicant who has research experience at universities in Japan must provide documentary evidence (**Applicable persons only**)

12) Address sheet (see designated form)

13) Document checklist A (see designated form)

**◆Domestic Applicants**

**Qualifications: 7) in M.A. Program**

**Requirements: Grade-skipping from a university to a graduate school in Japan**

**Required Documents:**

1) Application Form for Admission to Graduate School of Fukuoka University for International students, Secondary form, and Examination card (see designated form)

2) Academic Transcript of the university you graduated from

3) A certificate from the university you graduated from indicating the period of enrollment and the date of withdrawal from the university

4) A certificate from the graduate school you graduated from with the date of entrance

5) One-page research plan (see designated form)

\*Handwritten in Japanese in applicant’s own handwriting (We will not accept the research plan created on a personal computer.)

\*About 800 words (Your course plan is not necessary.)

6) Statement of Reasons (see designated form)

\*Handwritten in Japanese in applicant’s own handwriting (We will not accept the Statement of Reasons created on a personal computer.)

\*Summarize the motivation for your application and purpose of your study from 400 to 800 words.

- 7) Certificate of Japanese ability  
Please submit either one of the following documents 7)-1 through 7)-3.
- 7)-1 Certificate of N1 or N2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) administered by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services Foundation (JEES) and The Japan Foundation (Level 1 or Level 2 for students who took the exam before 2009)
- 7)-2 Score report of "Japanese" of Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) administered by Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)  
 \*The applicant must have a total score of 230 or higher in Listening Comprehension, Listening-Reading Comprehension and Reading Comprehension on any tests conducted over the past two years.
- 7)-3 If the applicant cannot submit either 7)-1 or 7)-2 mentioned above, please submit the "CERTIFICATE OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE ABILITY" (see designated form).  
 \*Please ask someone who is a Japanese language instructor, a staff at any diplomatic missions abroad, or anyone appropriate to fill in the form.
- 8) Financial Support Plan (see designated form)
- 9) Proof of ability to pay school expenses and living expenses for one year (documents that verify the income listed in "Financial Support Plan")  
The following documents 9)-1 and 9)-2 must be submitted by all the applicants. Besides, applicants who meet any of the conditions of 9)-3 through 9)-6 must also submit documents according to the applicable conditions.
- 9)-1 Deposit balance certificate in the name of the applicant (in JPY or USD)
- 9)-2 Present your actual passbook or other documents that clearly show the history of deposits and withdrawals for the past year  
 \* If you are unable to submit it, please attach a statement of the reasons. (A4 size, any format)  
 \* If you send it by mail, please copy the complete pages of the necessary parts.
- 9)-3 If you have it already, please submit a copy of the "Permission to Engage in Activity other than that Permitted under the Status of Residence Previously Granted"
- 9)-4 Applicants who have received a scholarship permission after April of the admission year must submit a scholarship certificate
- 9)-5 If applicants receive remittances from a foreign country (such as relatives from home country), the applicant must submit a Letter of Financial Support (see designated form) <sup>\*Note)</sup> handwritten by the remitter himself/herself
- 9)-6 If applicants receive remittances from a resident in Japan (such as your family), the applicant must submit a Letter of Financial Support (see designated form) <sup>\*Note)</sup> handwritten by the remitter himself/herself  
 \*Please use your officially registered seal.
- \*Note)**  
 If the "Letter of Financial Support" stated in 9)-5 and 9)-6 is written in the native language, the applicant must attach documents that are translated into Japanese or English.
- 10) Certificate of Residence (without my number)  
 \*Issued by the municipal office with clearly stated the resident card number (or alien registration number), status of residence, and period of stay
- 11) Passport (The Fukuoka University Graduate School Office staff will make copies, so please bring the original.)  
 \*If you send it by mail, please copy the data page where your name, nationality and passport number are written and the photo of the passport holder is attached.
- 12) The applicant who has research experience at universities in Japan must provide documentary evidence (**Applicable persons only**)
- 13) Address sheet (see designated form)
- 14) Document checklist B (see designated form)

## ◆ Domestic Applicants

### Qualifications: 8) in M.A. Program

Requirements: Graduates of junior college, technical college, Specialized Training College, or other educational institution

### Required Documents:

- 1) Application Form for Admission to Graduate School of Fukuoka University for International students, Secondary form, and Examination card (see designated form)
    - \* Backside of Application form
      - \*If you have any employment or research experience, please describe it in detail.
      - \*If you have achievements (books, research papers, conference presentations, patents), write them in the "Qualification/Reward/License" section. If you are approved to take the entrance examination after the prescreening, please also submit the original documents.
      - \*If you have any qualifications or work experience related to your expertise, write them in the "Qualification/Reward/License" section. (If applicable, please also submit a copy of any certificate if you have it.)
  - 2) Academic Transcript of a school you have graduated from or completed the course  
Please refer to page 15.
  - 3) Graduation Certificate of a school you have graduated from or completed the course (Diploma is also acceptable.)  
Please refer to page 15.
  - 4) One-page research plan (see designated form)
    - \*Handwritten in Japanese in applicant's own handwriting (We will not accept the research plan created on a personal computer.)
    - \*About 800 words (Your course plan is not necessary.)
  - 5) Statement of Reasons (see designated form)
    - \*Handwritten in Japanese in applicant's own handwriting (We will not accept the Statement of Reasons created on a personal computer.)
    - \*Summarize the motivation for your application and purpose of your study from 400 to 800 words.
  - 6) Activity since last academic year  
\*1,000 letters, A4 lengthwise, horizontally, any format is acceptable.
  - 7) Certificate of Japanese ability  
Please submit either one of the following documents 7)-1 through 7)-4.
    - 7)-1 Certificate of N1 or N2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) administered by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services Foundation (JEES) and The Japan Foundation (Level 1 or Level 2 for students who took the exam before 2009)
    - 7)-2 Score report of "Japanese" of Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) administered by Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)
      - \*The applicant must have a total score of 230 or higher in Listening Comprehension, Listening-Reading Comprehension and Reading Comprehension on any tests conducted over the past two years.
    - 7)-3 If it is impossible for applicants who graduated (are expected to graduate) from a Japanese university to submit the documents 7)-1 or 7)-2 mentioned above, please submit the "CERTIFICATE OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE ABILITY" (see designated form).<sup>\*Note)</sup>
    - 7)-4 If it is impossible for applicants with MEXT scholarship through Japanese embassies and consulate generals overseas to submit the documents 7)-1 or 7)-2 mentioned above, please submit the "CERTIFICATE OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE ABILITY" (see designated form).<sup>\*Note)</sup>
- \*Note)**  
For the "CERTIFICATE OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE ABILITY" mentioned in 7)-3 and 7)-4, please ask someone who is a Japanese language instructor, a staff at any diplomatic missions abroad, or anyone appropriate to fill in the form.
- 8) Financial Support Plan (see designated form)
  - 9) Proof of ability to pay school expenses and living expenses for one year (documents that verify the income listed in "Financial Support Plan")  
The following documents 9)-1 and 9)-2 must be submitted by all the applicants. Besides, applicants who meet any of the conditions of 9)-3 through 9)-6 must also submit documents according to the applicable conditions.
    - 9)-1 Deposit balance certificate in the name of the applicant (in JPY or USD)
    - 9)-2 Present your actual passbook or other documents that clearly show the history of deposits and withdrawals for the past year
      - \* If you are unable to submit it, please attach a statement of the reasons. (A4 size, any format)
      - \* If you send it by mail, please copy the complete pages of the necessary parts.

- 9)-3 If you have it already, please submit a copy of the “Permission to Engage in Activity other than that Permitted under the Status of Residence Previously Granted”
- 9)-4 Applicants who have received a scholarship permission after April of the admission year must submit a scholarship certificate
- 9)-5 If applicants receive remittances from a foreign country (such as relatives from home country), the applicant must submit a Letter of Financial Support (see designated form) <sup>\*Note)</sup> handwritten by the remitter himself/herself
- 9)-6 If applicants receive remittances from a resident in Japan (such as your family), the applicant must submit a Letter of Financial Support (see designated form) <sup>\*Note)</sup> handwritten by the remitter himself/herself
- \*Please use your officially registered seal.

**\*Note)**

If the “Letter of Financial Support” stated in 9)-5 and 9)-6 is written in the native language, the applicant must attach documents that are translated into Japanese or English.

- 10) Certificate of Residence (without my number)  
 \*Issued by the municipal office with clearly stated the resident card number (or alien registration number), status of residence, and period of stay
- 11) Passport (The Fukuoka University Graduate School Office staff will make copies, so please bring the original.)  
 \*If you send it by mail, please copy the data page where your name, nationality and passport number are written and the photo of the passport holder is attached.
- 12) The applicant who has research experience at universities in Japan must provide documentary evidence (**Applicable persons only**)
- 13) Address sheet (see designated form)
- 14) Document checklist C (see designated form)

◆ **Domestic Applicants**

**Qualifications: 1)~6) in Ph.D. Program**

**Required Documents:**

- 1) Application Form for Admission to Graduate School of Fukuoka University for International students, Secondary form, and Examination card (see designated form)
- 2) Academic transcript from the university and graduate school you graduated from  
 \*Please refer to page 15.
- 3) Certificate of completion (or a diploma), or certificate of expected completion from the graduate school you graduated from  
 \*Please refer to page 15.
- 4) Summary of your master’s thesis and articles (Only for the graduates from other graduate schools.)  
**(Applicable persons only)**  
 \*Please prepare your thesis summary in Japanese (About 2,000 characters) or in English (About 800 words).
- 5) One-page research plan (see designated form)  
 \*Handwritten in Japanese in applicant’s own handwriting (We will not accept the research plan created on a personal computer.)  
 \*About 1,600 words (Your course plan is not necessary.)
- 6) Statement of Reasons (see designated form)  
 \*Handwritten in Japanese in applicant’s own handwriting (We will not accept the Statement of Reasons created on a personal computer.)  
 \*Summarize the motivation for your application and purpose of your study from 400 to 800 words.
- 7) Certificate of Japanese ability  
Please submit either one of the following documents 7)-1 through 7)-5.
- 7)-1 Certificate of N1 or N2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) administered by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services Foundation (JEES) and The Japan Foundation (Level 1 or Level 2 for students who took the exam before 2009)
- 7)-2 Score report of "Japanese" of Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) administered by Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)  
 \*The applicant must have a total score of 230 or higher in Listening Comprehension, Listening-Reading Comprehension and Reading Comprehension on any tests conducted over the past two years.



- 7)-3 If it is impossible for applicants who graduated (are expected to graduate) from a Japanese university or completed (are expected to complete) a graduate school in Japan to submit the documents 7)-1 or 7)-2 mentioned above, please submit the “CERTIFICATE OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE ABILITY” (see designated form). \*Note 1)
- 7)-4 If it is impossible for applicants who apply for the specialized courses \*Note 2) in which research instruction is available in languages other than Japanese (mainly English) to submit the documents 7)-1 or 7)-2 mentioned above, please submit the “CERTIFICATE OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE ABILITY” (see designated form). \*Note 1)
- 7)-5 If it is impossible for applicants with MEXT scholarship through Japanese embassies and consulate generals overseas to submit the documents 7)-1 or 7)-2 mentioned above, please submit the “CERTIFICATE OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE ABILITY” (see designated form). \*Note 1)

**\*Note 1)**

For the “CERTIFICATE OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE ABILITY” mentioned in 7)-3 through 7)-5, please ask someone who is a Japanese language instructor, a staff at any diplomatic missions abroad, or anyone appropriate to fill in the form.

**\*Note 2)**

Intended Specialized Subjects: Advanced Study; A Comparative Study of Financial Systems

8) Financial Support Plan (see designated form)

9) Proof of ability to pay school expenses and living expenses for one year (documents that verify the income listed in “Financial Support Plan”)

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9)-1 Deposit balance certificate in the name of the applicant (in JPY or USD)

9)-2 Present your actual passbook or other documents that clearly show the history of deposits and withdrawals for the past year

\*If you are unable to submit it, please attach a statement of the reasons. (A4 size, any format)

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\*Issued by the municipal office with clearly stated the resident card number (or alien registration number), status of residence, and period of stay

11) Passport (The Fukuoka University Graduate School Office staff will make copies, so please bring the original.)

\*If you send it by mail, please copy the data page where your name, nationality and passport number are written and the photo of the passport holder is attached.

12) Address sheet (see designated form)

13) Document checklist A (see designated form)

## ◆ Domestic Applicants

### Qualifications: 7) in Ph.D. Program

Requirements: Graduates of university, junior college, technical college, Specialized Training College, or other educational institution

### Required Documents:

- 1) Application Form for Admission to Graduate School of Fukuoka University for International students, Secondary form, and Examination card (see designated form)
    - \* Backside of Application form
      - \*If you have any employment or research experience, please describe it in detail.
      - \*If you have achievements (books, research papers, conference presentations, patents), write them in the "Qualification/Reward/License" section. If you are approved to take the entrance examination after the prescreening, please also submit the original documents.
      - \*If you have any qualifications or work experience related to your expertise, write them in the "Qualification/Reward/License" section. (If applicable, please also submit a copy of any certificate if you have it.)
  - 2) Academic Transcript of a school you have graduated from or completed the course  
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    - \*Summarize the motivation for your application and purpose of your study from 400 words to 800 words.
  - 6) Activity since last academic year  
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    - 7)-1** Certificate of N1 or N2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) administered by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services Foundation (JEES) and The Japan Foundation (Level 1 or Level 2 for students who took the exam before 2009)
    - 7)-2** Score report of "Japanese" of Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) administered by Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)
      - \*The applicant must have a total score of 230 or higher in Listening Comprehension, Listening-Reading Comprehension and Reading Comprehension on any tests conducted over the past two years.
    - 7)-3** If it is impossible for applicants who graduated (are expected to graduate) from a Japanese university to submit the documents 7)-1 or 7)-2 mentioned above, please submit the "CERTIFICATE OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE ABILITY" (see designated form).<sup>\*Note 1)</sup>
    - 7)-4** If it is impossible for applicants who apply for the specialized courses<sup>\*Note 2)</sup> in which research instruction is available in languages other than Japanese (mainly English) to submit the documents 7)-1 or 7)-2 mentioned above, please submit the "CERTIFICATE OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE ABILITY" (see designated form).<sup>\*Note 1)</sup>
    - 7)-5** If it is impossible for applicants with MEXT scholarship through Japanese embassies and consulate generals overseas to submit the documents 7)-1 or 7)-2 mentioned above, please submit the "CERTIFICATE OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE ABILITY" (see designated form).<sup>\*Note 1)</sup>
- \*Note 1)**  
For the "CERTIFICATE OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE ABILITY" mentioned in 7)-3 through 7)-5, please ask someone who is a Japanese language instructor, a staff at any diplomatic missions abroad, or anyone appropriate to fill in the form.
- \*Note 2)**  
Intended Specialized Subjects: Advanced Study; A Comparative Study of Financial Systems
- 8) Financial Support Plan (see designated form)
  - 9) Proof of ability to pay school expenses and living expenses for one year (documents that verify the income listed in "Financial Support Plan")  
The following documents 9)-1 and 9)-2 must be submitted by all the applicants. Besides, applicants who meet any of the conditions of 9)-3 through 9)-6 must also submit documents according to the applicable conditions.

- 9)-1 Deposit balance certificate in the name of the applicant (in JPY or USD)
- 9)-2 Present your actual passbook or other documents that clearly show the history of deposits and withdrawals for the past year
  - \* If you are unable to submit it, please attach a statement of the reasons. (A4 size, any format)
  - \* If you send it by mail, please copy the complete pages of the necessary parts.
- 9)-3 If you have it already, please submit a copy of the “Permission to Engage in Activity other than that Permitted under the Status of Residence Previously Granted”
- 9)-4 Applicants who have received a scholarship permission after April of the admission year must submit a scholarship certificate
- 9)-5 If applicants receive remittances from a foreign country (such as relatives from home country), the applicant must submit a Letter of Financial Support (see designated form) <sup>\*Note</sup> handwritten by the remitter himself/herself
- 9)-6 If applicants receive remittances from a resident in Japan (such as your family), the applicant must submit a Letter of Financial Support (see designated form) <sup>\*Note</sup> handwritten by the remitter himself/herself
  - \*Please use your officially registered seal.

**\*Note)**

If the “Letter of Financial Support” stated in 9)-5 and 9)-6 is written in the native language, the applicant must attach documents that are translated into Japanese or English.

- 10) Certificate of Residence (without my number)
  - \*Issued by the municipal office with clearly stated the resident card number (or alien registration number), status of residence, and period of stay
- 11) Passport (The Fukuoka University Graduate School Office staff will make copies, so please bring the original.)
  - \*If you send it by mail, please copy the data page where your name, nationality and passport number are written and the photo of the passport holder is attached.
- 12) Address sheet (see designated form)
- 13) Document checklist C (see designated form)

**5-2. Preliminary screening (Screening of the application documents and qualifications for applicants)**

In the First Screening, applicants whose application qualifications are subject to screening (refer to \*Note) on page 1 and 2) will undergo screening of their application qualifications and documents, while applicants who are not subject to screening will experience only a document screening. After the screening is completed, the applicant will be notified of the results.

**5-3. How to pay screening fee for the secondary screening**

Once you have passed the preliminary screening, please pay the secondary screening fee by the due date. After the applicant submits the required documents for the first screening, the office will provide the applicant with details on how to pay the screening fee for the second screening.

Second screening fee (entrance examination fee)	JPY30,000
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**5-4. Notes for application**

- 1) Please confirm the qualifications explained in the “Qualifications for Application” section.
- 2) Incomplete application forms may not be accepted.
- 3) Choose one specialized subject referred to the form: “Brief summary of M.A. Program” or “Brief summary of Ph.D. Program”, and fill in the names both of subject and of the person in charge in the “Desired Major” on the Application Form for Admission to Graduate School of Fukuoka University for International students, Secondary form and Examination card.
- 4) Please make sure to fill in all the information such as subjects to be examined, etc.
- 5) About students’ recruitment for M.A. Program, if the number of applicants reaches the maximum number during the Fall Admission Examination, the Spring Admission Examination may not be held. Applicants for spring examination should confirm it in advance.
- 6) The applicant himself/herself must make inquiries regarding application procedures etc.
- 7) To submit your application documents, unless there is some particular reason, please bring them to the reception desk in person as there are some points to be checked. (Except for international applicants). However, international applicants may submit the application documents through their friends or acquaintances in Japan.
- 8) We will not return second screening fee (entrance examination fee) once paid and any documents (including your research papers) to the applicants.

9) Applicants with disability and chronic illness

If you need special care during the entrance examination or after entering the university due to a disability, chronic illness, serious health condition etc., please contact the Graduate School Office as early as possible before your application submission. (Please attach a medical diagnosis form with specific details about your symptoms. If you have a disability certificate, please attach a copy of it.)

**6. The examination card with the examinee’s number and the permission for taking the entrance examination**

- \* The examination card with the examinee’s number will be sent to those who have completed the application procedures.  
In addition, we will issue a “Permission for taking the entrance examination <sup>Note)</sup> and send it to the applicants outside Japan.
- \* If your examination card with the examinee’s number will not be delivered to your house 5 days before the examination date, please contact the Graduate School Office.
- \* Please keep your “The Examination card with the examinee’s number” until the enrollment process is completed.

**Note)**

“Permission for taking the entrance examination” will be issued to facilitate the immigration procedures (obtaining a Temporary Visa for the purpose of taking the examination) for applicants from abroad who are going to take the examination at Fukuoka University, Japan.

**7. Address of examination site**

Fukuoka University  
8-19-1 Nanakuma, Jonan-ku, Fukuoka 814-0180, Japan

- \*The test venue will be displayed at the entrance (graduate school entrance) on the 1st floor of the Central Library West at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the examination.
- \*The examinees must be at the examination site by 9:00 a.m.

**8. Entrance Examination subjects and schedule**

**8-1. M.A. Program**

Time	Subjects
9:00-	Explanations on the examination
9:15-10:45	*Language: Select one subject among 3 languages below <sup>*Note</sup> English German French
11:05-12:35	Specialized Subjects related to the Desired Major (*Refer to the form: Brief summary of M.A. Program)
14:30-	Interview (Oral examination)

**\*Note)** A dictionary that Fukuoka University selected in advance will be loaned to examinees during the examination of foreign language.

**8-2. Ph.D. Program**

Time	Subjects
9:00-	Explanations on the examination
9:15-11:15	Language (English as a second foreign language)
11:35-13:05	Specialized Subjects related to the Desired Major *Only for the graduates from other graduate schools. (*Refer to the form: Brief summary of Ph.D. Program)
14:30-	Interview (Oral examination)

**\*Note)** A dictionary that Fukuoka University selected in advance will be loaned to examinees during the examination of foreign language.

## 9. Announcement of admission results

### 1) Date and Time

Fall	10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 2, 2023
Spring	10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 4, 2024

- 2) The examination numbers of applicants who have passed the entrance examination will be posted, and admission documents will be mailed (by registered mail) to their address. We will not notify unsuccessful applicants of their examination results.

#### **Place to post**

In front of the Graduate School Office (6th floor, Central Library)

- 3) The examination numbers of applicants who have passed the entrance examination will be posted on our university's official website (<https://www.grad.fukuoka-u.ac.jp/>)
- 4) We do not answer to any inquiries regarding the admission results.
- 5) Fukuoka University reserves the right to withdraw admission if false statements are made in the application or enrollment documents.

## 10. Entrance Procedures

### 10-1. For M.A. Program

\*Confirm the details of the documents enclosed with the admission results which will be posted later to the applicant who passed the entrance examination.

\*Please refer to the Table of tuition fees below as to "Enrollment fee" and "Tuition and other fees."

#### 10-1-1. Table of Tuition Fees

##### Graduates of a Fukuoka University undergraduate program

(Unit: JPY)

Payment at the time of admission	Enrollment fee (Paid first year of enrollment only)		100,000
	Tuition and other fees of the first semester (Annual payment)	Tuition	235,000
		Educational program enhancement fee	60,000
		Fees collected on behalf of other organizations	3,000
		Subtotal	298,000
Total		398,000	
Payment at the time of the second semester	Tuition and other fees of the second semester (Annual payment)	Tuition	235,000
		Educational program enhancement fee	60,000
	Total		295,000
Total tuition for the first year			693,000

##### Graduates of a Fukuoka University graduate program

(Unit: JPY)

Payment at the time of admission	Enrollment fee (Paid first year of enrollment only)		0
	Tuition and other fees of the first semester (Annual payment)	Tuition	235,000
		Educational program enhancement fee	60,000
		Fees collected on behalf of other organizations	3,000
		Subtotal	298,000
Total		298,000	
Payment at the time of the second semester	Tuition and other fees of the second semester (Annual payment)	Tuition	235,000
		Educational program enhancement fee	60,000
	Total		295,000
Total tuition for the first year			593,000

**Graduates of another university or graduate school** (Unit: JPY)

Payment at the time of admission	Enrollment fee (Paid first year of enrollment only)		100,000
	Tuition and other fees of the first semester (Annual payment)	Tuition	235,000
		Educational program enhancement fee	60,000
		Fees collected on behalf of other organizations	18,100
		Subtotal	313,100
Total		413,100	
Payment at the time of the second semester	Tuition and other fees of the second semester (Annual payment)	Tuition	235,000
		Educational program enhancement fee	60,000
	Total		295,000
Total tuition for the first year			708,100

◆ Of the above total amount, the following amounts, “Enrollment fee” and “Tuition and other fees of the first semester” must be paid by the designated date. (The date stamp of the payment must be made by or on the due date.)

(Unit: JPY)

Expense items	Graduates of a Fukuoka University undergraduate program	Graduates of a Fukuoka University graduate program	Graduates of another university or graduate school
Enrollment fee	100,000	0	100,000
	◇Deadline: October 17 (Tue.), 2023 for the applicants who passed the Fall season’s entrance examination March 13 (Wed.), 2024 for the applicants who passed the Spring season’s entrance examination		
Tuition and other fees of the first semester	298,000	298,000	313,100
	◇Deadline: March 21 (Thu.), 2024 for all applicants who passed either the Fall season’s or the Spring season’s entrance examination		

\*After the deadline for payment, the application will not be accepted for any reason.

\*Please complete these procedures by the indicated deadline.

\*The amount of “Fees collected on behalf of other organizations” may vary slightly from the amount of tuition after the second year of study.

**10-1-2. Declination of admission**

- 1) If you want to decline admission after the announcement of acceptance, please submit the “Declination of Enrollment” form.
- 2) If you decline admission after completing enrollment procedures, we will make restitution of tuition and other fees of the first semester except for enrollment fee only for the person who submitted the document, “Declination of Enrollment” form.

## 10-2. For Ph.D. Program

\*Confirm the details of the documents enclosed with the admission results which will be posted later to the applicant who passed the entrance examination.

\*Please refer to the Table of tuition fees below as to “Enrollment fee” and “Tuition and other fees.”

### 10-2-1. Table of Tuition Fees

<u>Graduates of a Fukuoka University undergraduate program</u>			(Unit: JPY)
Payment at the time of admission	Enrollment fee (Paid first year of enrollment only)		100,000
	Tuition and other fees of the first semester (Annual payment)	Tuition	200,000
		Educational program enhancement fee	60,000
		Fees collected on behalf of other organizations	3,000
		Subtotal	263,000
Total		363,000	
Payment at the time of the second semester	Tuition and other fees of the second semester (Annual payment)	Tuition	200,000
		Educational program enhancement fee	60,000
	Total		260,000
Total tuition for the first year			623,000

<u>Graduates of a Fukuoka University graduate program</u>			(Unit: JPY)
Payment at the time of admission	Enrollment fee (Paid first year of enrollment only)		0
	Tuition and other fees of the first semester (Annual payment)	Tuition	200,000
		Educational program enhancement fee	60,000
		Fees collected on behalf of other organizations	3,000
		Subtotal	263,000
Total		263,000	
Payment at the time of the second semester	Tuition and other fees of the second semester (Annual payment)	Tuition	200,000
		Educational program enhancement fee	60,000
	Total		260,000
Total tuition for the first year			523,000

<u>Graduates of another university or graduate school</u>			(Unit: JPY)
Payment at the time of admission	Enrollment fee (Paid first year of enrollment only)		100,000
	Tuition and other fees of the first semester (Annual payment)	Tuition	200,000
		Educational program enhancement fee	60,000
		Fees collected on behalf of other organizations	18,100
		Subtotal	278,100
Total		378,100	
Payment at the time of the second semester	Tuition and other fees of the second semester (Annual payment)	Tuition	200,000
		Educational program enhancement fee	60,000
	Total		260,000
Total tuition for the first year			638,100

◆ Of the above total amount, the following amounts, “Enrollment fee” and “Tuition and other fees of the first semester” must be paid by the designated date. (The date stamp of the payment must be made by or on the due date.)

(Unit: JPY)

Expense items	Graduates of a Fukuoka University undergraduate program	Graduates of a Fukuoka University graduate program	Graduates of another university or graduate school
Enrollment fee	100,000	0	100,000
	◇Deadline: March 13 (Wed.), 2024		
Tuition and other fees of the first semester	263,000	263,000	278,100
	◇Deadline: March 21 (Thu.), 2024		

\*After the deadline for payment, the application will not be accepted for any reason.

\*Please complete these procedures by the indicated deadline.

\*The amount of "Fees collected on behalf of other organizations" may vary slightly from the amount of tuition after the second year of study.

### 10-2-2. Declination of admission

- 1) If you want to decline admission after the announcement of acceptance, please submit the "Declination of Enrollment" form.
- 2) If you decline admission after completing enrollment procedures, we will make restitution of tuition and other fees of the first semester except for enrollment fee only for the person who submitted the document, "Declination of Enrollment" form.

### To international students: Certificate of Graduation /Certificate of Expected Graduation, Academic Transcript, Certificate of Degrees

\*All certificates must be originals prepared in Japanese or in English. If the certificate is in a language other than Japanese or English, either a Japanese or English translation must be attached to the copy of the original.

\*If the certificate of graduation/completion does not include a statement of a degree, the applicant must submit an original document that certifies that the applicant has obtained or expects to obtain a degree.

\*We will not return original documents.

\*If the applicant cannot submit the original document, please provide a certified true copy.

#### **Applicants who graduated and obtained a degree from a university or college in mainland China**

Applicants from a university or college in mainland China must submit an electronic report in Chinese (degree, educational history and grades) certificated by China Higher-education Information and Student Information (CHSI) (<https://www.chsi.com.cn>).

[Certificate of Degree]

中国高等教育学位在线验证报告

[Higher Education Qualification Certificate]

教育部学历证书电子注册备案表

[Academic Transcript]

中国高等学校学生成绩验证报告

We will not accept any verification report sent to us by any certification authorities except for CHSI. Forwarded emails from the applicant or a proxy of an applicant will be invalid. All verification reports need to be sent to Graduate School Office ([gakuin@adm.fukuoka-u.ac.jp](mailto:gakuin@adm.fukuoka-u.ac.jp)) directly by CHSI by the final date of the application period.



Brief summary of M.A. Program

Subjects and Course registration procedure

\*The ○ mark in front of the names of the person in charge indicates the faculty member in charge of students' recruitment in AY 2024.

Course	Major Subjects				
	Specialized Subjects	Subjects	Credit	Person in Charge	Research Theme
C O M M E R C E R E S E A R C H  C O U R S E	Marketing	Lecture in Marketing Research in Marketing	4 8	Professor ○MURAKAMI Tsuyoto	Explanatory theory or thinking about marketing events has shifted from a focus on goods to a focus on services, as symbolized by the service dominant logic. Users themselves are also being positioned not as purchasers of products, but as marketing actors involved in manufacturing. A paradigm shift in the way we think about marketing is occurring right now. We will discuss various cases of this phenomenon and explore the direction of marketing that will be required in the future.
	Information Industry	Lecture in Information Industry Research in Information Industry	4 8	Professor ○HIROTSU Masumi	In this course (lecture), the participants interpret distribution and management issues using the definition of "information in a narrow sense," then discuss how information technology can be applied to these issues. In this seminar (research), research guidance in the following two steps. The first year is to be able to explain these issues from an information perspective by reading various articles on distribution and management. The second year is to complete a master's thesis on your research theme. Depending on the participant's background, guidance on research methods using multi-agent systems is also provided.
	Market Analysis	Lecture in Market Analysis Research in Market Analysis	4 8	Professor ○EBOSHI Koichi	The Theory of Market Analysis examines how economic agents act and influence each other over markets in today's information society. Based on standard microeconomics and macroeconomics, interpretation and analysis will be conducted while addressing specific current issues. In today's advanced information society, major changes are occurring in the relationships and behaviors of consumers and businesses. The main objective of this course is to clarify the market in the new era based on the analysis of economic agents who are strengthening their social ties.
	Marketing Models	Lecture in Marketing Models Research in Marketing Models	4 8	Professor Doctor of Business Administration ○SUGIMOTO Hiroyuki	This course focuses on the analysis of various issues in distribution channels and marketing by using models. The use of models is significant because they allow us to abstract the observable real world and draw conclusions that can be treated similarly to the results of manipulating actual distribution and marketing. The purpose of this course is to understand the role of models to build propositions, theories and decision making, and graduate students to use the models for their own research.
	Consumer Behavior	Lecture in Consumer Behavior Research in Consumer Behavior	4 8	Professor ○DAZAI Ushio	Students read many literatures, including English, to acquire a framework for consumer behavior research while compiling a set of approaches to solve their own research and problem consciousness. The University has a very rich data source on consumers, which will be used to demonstrate and explore the data. While it is possible that there may be no relevant data, we will conduct surveys in some cases, not only based on theoretical theories but also on numerical evidence. In addition to English language skills, students will naturally need to have mathematical and statistical knowledge and a willingness to learn these skills. In some cases, the program will also consider behavioral economics as a field of study.
	Principles of Insurance	Lecture in Principles of Insurance Research in Principles of Insurance	4 8	Associate Professor ○ITO Takeshi	In this lecture and research, we will study the essence of insurance by analyzing various problems in modern society from the perspective of insurance economics and insurance management, based on insurance theory. In addition, based on these, we will conduct comparative analysis of insurance systems in other countries and research the state of insurance in Japan.
	Risk Management	Lecture in Risk Management Research in Risk Management	4 8	Professor Ph. D. ○UEMURA Nobuyasu	Students will learn advanced and practical knowledge about risk management. Classes consist of lectures, reports (of research and analysis), and questions and answers/discussions. The lecturer has a background in business and specializes in business management and risk management for insurance companies. So, lectures will often cover financial institutions, including insurance companies.
	Transport Economic Theory and Policy	Lecture in Transport Economic Theory and Policy Research in Transport Economic Theory and Policy	4 8	Professor Ph. D. ○SUZUKI Yusuke	This course is based on microeconomics and analyzes various problems in the transportation sector in Japan. Japan's social structure is undergoing a major transition, with a declining birthrate, an aging population, and a growing concentration of population in urban areas. For example, management problems of railroads and bus services in rural areas and traffic congestion in urban areas. The lectures and research will be conducted with a view to finding solutions to these problems from the perspective of social science.

Course	Major Subjects				
	Specialized subjects	Subjects	Credit	Person in Charge	Research Theme
C O M M E R C E  R E S E A R C H  C O U R S E	International Transport Economic Theory	Lecture in International Transport Economic Theory Research in International Transport Economic Theory	4 8	Professor ○TAO Yi-min	Shipping and air transport are organically related to and functioning in international trade, so they are greatly influenced by trends in trade activities. In addition, multinational companies are promoting global supply chain strategies that reduce production, distribution, and sales costs and improve customer service by building international transportation systems that make advanced use of logistics information. In my research and lectures, I would like to analyze the phenomenon of high costs and transportation capacity shortages in international transportation by applying the latest economic and management theories and explore the construction of global SCM together.
	Theory of International Trade	Lecture in Theory of International Trade Research in Theory of International Trade	4 8	Professor Ph.D in Economics ○YUTAKA Yoshiaki	This course covers globalization and the European economy. Students are required to read previous researches dealing with economic issues in the European Union, such as trade, FDI and movement of worker and to collect statistical data explaining them published by international institutions, including Eurostat. Students select the theme of master's thesis after making an in-depth examination of previous researches.
	International Finance	Lecture in International Finance Research in International Finance	4 8	Professor Ph. D. ○IZU Hisashi	<b>[Lecture]</b> Students learn the basics of international finance theory using literature on financial globalization. They take turns reporting and discussing the papers they are responsible for. Regarding topics and papers to be dealt with, we would like to meet their wishes as much as possible. <b>[Research]</b> Each student makes a research report and discusses it with all participants. I provide advice and guidance to help students complete a master's thesis on international finance.
	US Economy	Lecture in US Economy Research in US Economy	4 8	Professor Ph. D. ○KAKESHITA Tatsuro	The detailed research content will be discussed with the students, and the main purpose of this research is to clarify the role and limits of innovation and finance in the economic growth of the United States. I think you know recent topics such as Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) that various innovations in the United States have revitalized the economy. In the financial sector, FinTech, the trend of innovative or disruptive financial products and services that make full use of ICT, is developing rapidly. Students will think about the role of finance in the process of economic growth, and what kind of limits it has. This is the fundamental theme in considering contemporary financial and development issues. The United States is the most innovative and financially developed country in the world, and we will consider the roles of innovation and finance in the economic growth of the United States.
	Asian Economy	Lecture in Asian Economy Research in Asian Economy	4 8	Professor Ph.D. in International Development ○Akkemik Kucuk Ali	Recently, East Asia has played an essential role in the world economy. East Asia has achieved unprecedented economic development thanks to rapid economic growth and technological development. It is believed that the underlying factors are long-term economic development strategies, including industrial policies, and inclusive institutions. In this course, we will use advanced theories of macroeconomics and development economics and discuss and analyze various topics including, among others, economic development in East Asia, industrial policy, science and technology policy, productivity improvement, political economy of development, global value chains, and economic integration. We will also employ quantitative analytical methods and empirical analysis. The goal of the course is to gain the capability to apply the concepts and analytical methods of development economics to East Asia.
	Development Economics	Lecture in Development Economics Research in Development Economics	4 8	Professor ○KOWATA Shinji	Development economics deals with economic aspects of the development process in developing economies, including low- and middle-income countries. Its common topics are poverty, demographic change, industrialization, development aid and related problems. The implications of the studies contribute the development policies and international aids attitude. Students make presentations and discussions using basic texts on development economics in Lecture in development economics. Students to write a master thesis receive advices about individual research topics.
	Global Development Studies	Lecture in Global Development Studies Research in Global Development Studies	4 8	Associate Professor Ph.D. International Studies (University of Tokyo) M.Sc. Development Studies (LSE) ○HAYASHI Yutaka	This class is based on Development Studies. The main focus is on development and/or aid in developing countries. It is, however, imperative to acquire perspectives to examine the multiple realities. Global development assistance can be seen as a good thing in ethical or policy-making terms, but, then, why it does not bring the results as we have been expected for last 70 years since 1945? Why are there still many developing countries on this planet? In order to search for the answer, it would be essential to have good "eyes" to investigate the things happening in each field on top of the knowledge on development studies, politics, or anthropology. By discussing on several essential articles, this class, thus, intends to strengthen our perspectives to see through the fog of plural realities and events surrounding around development.
	History of Japanese Commerce	Lecture in History of Japanese Commerce Research in History of Japanese Commerce	4 8	Associate Professor Doctor of Economics ○MOTOMURA Kiyo	The purpose of this lecture is to acquire specialized knowledge by taking up the development of merchant management in Japan through the early and modern times. There are two points worth noting about this lecture. The first is how the community-based merchant capital achieved self-transformation in analyzing merchant management. The second is how the merchant management adapted to the modern society. Furthermore, in this lecture, I would like to examine the role that merchant capital played in the region. In addition, we will proceed by analyzing not only literature but also original documents.

Course	Major Subjects				
	Specialized subjects	Subjects	Credit	Person in Charge	Research Theme
B U S I N E S S  A D M I N I S T R A T I O N  R E S E A R C H  C O U R S E	Business Administration	Lecture in Business Administration Research in Business Administration	4 8	Associate Professor Ph.D. ○WADA Takeaki	In order to understand the activities of companies and organizations, it is necessary to utilize knowledge about various management theories and perform multifaceted analysis. In this lecture, students will read various papers on management theory, discuss what phenomena in companies and organizations each theory focuses on, and discuss how theories can explain the actual activities of companies and organizations.
	Business Management	Lecture in Business Management Research in Business Management	4 8	Associate Professor Ph.D. ○FUJINO Makoto	<b>【Student recruitment will be conducted only in the spring examination】</b> The purpose of this class is to provide a systematic understanding of business management to achieve the efficient goals of an enterprise. The class will discuss (1) enterprise and sociality, (2) legitimacy of management, and (3) efficiency and humanity.
	Business Organization	Lecture in Business Organization Research in Business Organization	4 8	Associate Professor Ph.D. ○MORITA Yasunobu	In this lecture and research, students will learn about organizational theory and citizen science, and conduct research in related areas. In the area of organizational theory, the lecture and research will focus on keywords such as organizational culture, organizational learning, inter-organizational collaboration and networks, and communities of practice. On the other hand, research and lectures on Citizen Science will focus on keywords such as knowledge production, open data, innovation, and science communication conducted in a citizen participatory manner. Research methods will center on interviews, questionnaires, and case studies of companies and citizens. In the lectures, students will read and discuss the literature on organizational theory and citizen science. Students are expected to have basic knowledge of organizational theory and Citizen Science, as well as curiosity and willingness to read academic books.
	Business Strategy	Lecture in Business Strategy Research in Business Strategy	4 8	Professor ○GOHRIKI Chikou	We will explore and discover various issues facing modern companies, and research solutions to them in this study. Keywords in this study are "human resource development," "coaching," "positive psychology," "correlation between employee satisfaction and corporate growth," "business and society," and "social business (solving and proposing social issues through business)." In addition to literature subscriptions, we will conduct fieldwork to broaden our research.
	Accounting	Lecture in Accounting Research in Accounting	4 8	Professor ○NAGATSUKA Wataru	Accounting generally refers to the act of measuring and reporting on the economic activities of economic entities and related economic events. In this lecture, research on accounting is conducted from various perspectives such as basic conceptual theory, recognition and measurement theory, and reporting theory. Specifically, we will conduct research on accounting for external reporting of business enterprises, not only with traditional points of contention but also on the latest topics, and also referring to international trends.
	Financial Reporting	Lecture in Financial Reporting Research in Financial Reporting	4 8	Associate Professor ○IITSUKA Yuki	This course focuses on the nature of financial statements. Financial statements are reports provided by a company for its stakeholders that show details of its financial situation. They are central tools for a company to communicate with its stakeholders. Therefore, basic knowledge of financial statements is very important. In order to understand the nature of financial statements, we will study and discuss issues such as objectives, scope, features, and limitations of financial statements.
	Financial Accounting	Lecture in Financial Accounting Research in Financial Accounting	4 8	Professor ○WATANABE Tsuyoshi	In my lecture, we will study financial accounting in Japan, focusing on accounting standards, which are guidelines for financial accounting. And we will also discuss the IASB and FASB standards, which have a strong influence on financial accounting in Japan. In the seminar (research), students decide each master thesis subject and write it while learning international trends in financial accounting using English literature (documents published by accounting standard setters such as the IASB and FASB).

Course	Major Subjects				
	Specialized subjects	Subjects	Credit	Person in Charge	Research Theme
B U S I N E S S  A D M I N I S T R A T I O N  R E S E A R C H  C O U R S E	Cost Accounting	Lecture in Cost Accounting Research in Cost Accounting	4 8	Professor Ph.D. ○TASAKA Ko	The purpose of this lecture and seminar is not only to acquire traditional cost accounting, but also to acquire basic and systematic specialized knowledge related to management accounting. Furthermore, the purpose of this lecture and seminar is to acquire the foundation of abilities that can contribute to companies and local communities, and that are useful for human resources who will lead them. I will recognize the issues related to cost accounting and management accounting, and provide research guidance for the preparation and completion of master's thesis according to the theme of each master's thesis. In addition, the goal of this lecture and seminar is to complete a dissertation with content and quality suitable for a master's degree. Several international students also attend my lectures every year, and we enjoy discussing them with an international flavor. Therefore, I would like international students to actively participate in my lectures without hesitation.
	Management Accounting	Lecture in Management Accounting Research in Management Accounting	4 8	Professor ○SHINOHARA Kosuma	Students will study the theory of management accounting and management control systems, and how accounting numbers and systems play a role in organizations. Particular attention will be paid to the relationship between strategy and management accounting, which will be conducted on the question of how management accounting is used and functions in the formulation and implementation of strategy. Basically, the research will proceed in the form of reading and discussing international literature. Therefore, a willingness to engage in research using English literature is a prerequisite for enrollment. In some cases, we may also conduct company surveys. In such cases, students will be instructed on how to conduct company surveys.
	Financial Statement Analysis	Lecture in Financial Statement Analysis Research in Financial Statement Analysis	4 8	Associate Professor Ph.D. ○TOBITA Tsutomu	This course focuses on the area of corporate valuation. Corporate valuation is an interdisciplinary research area, requiring basic knowledge not only of financial accounting and management accounting, but also of managerial finance and business strategy. The significance and importance of corporate valuation will be explained, and "traditional financial statement analysis," which focuses on analyzing the characteristics of a company's management strategy and corporate behavior using accounting figures and other data, and "corporate valuation," which calculates corporate value by utilizing theories and tools of management finance, will be discussed.
	International Accounting	Lecture in International Accounting Research in International Accounting	4 8	Professor Doctor of Business Administration ○IKEDA Kenichi	The object of lecture is to understand several topics of international accounting. For example, the basic concept of international accounting, the main theme of international financial reporting standards(IFRS). We read and examine several kind of academic literature on international accounting and financial accounting in the first year. After that, individual tuition to write a master's thesis and presentation for master's degree.
	Corporation Tax Law	Lecture in Corporation Tax Law Research in Corporation Tax Law	4 8	Professor ○TAKAHASHI Shuji	The purpose of this lecture and research is to understand and study the interpretation theory of tax law centering on the corporate tax law. The tax law regulates the rights and obligations of the state and its citizens regarding tax claims and obligations, and the corporate tax law is the tax law that targets the tax imposed on the income of corporations.  In lectures, students will systematically study the basic theory of tax law and the interpretation of corporate tax law. In order to develop an interpretation theory of tax law, it is necessary to understand the basic theory of tax law and, by extension, the basic theory of jurisprudence. By understanding the basic theory of tax law, it is possible to understand the peculiarities of tax law interpretation for other legal fields, and to derive answers to tax law interpretation for specific articles. In the course of the lectures, the students take the lead in reporting, and the instructors give advice.  In terms of research, I will teach research methods and basic knowledge for writing a master's thesis. Students select research themes and report on them. In response to this, the class will proceed in such a way that the students discuss it and the instructor gives advice.

### Course registration procedure

1. The standard term of study for students is two years, and a total of 32 or more credits must be earned in specified subjects.
2. Students should select one course from either "Commerce Research" or "Business Administration Research".
3. Students should select one subject (lecture/research) from Major subjects in the course, and it will be his/her Specialized Subject.
4. The student's supervisor in charge of the Specialized Subject shall be his/her advisor, and the student shall receive guidance on the selection of class subjects, the preparation of the thesis, and other general research matters.
5. As a rule, the 32 or more credits stipulated in Paragraph 1 should consist of each categories mentioned below;
  - 1) 20 credits or more in total from the relevant courses: 12 credits from Specialized Subjects (4 credits from lectures in the first grade; 8 credits from research subjects in the first and second grade); and 8 credits or more from Major Subjects (lectures) other than Specialized Subjects and Elective Subjects.
  - 2) Regardless of the courses, as free credits, 12 credits or more from Major Subjects (lectures) other than Specialized Subjects and Elective Subjects.
6. If his/her supervisor admits it necessary in light of the student's research without regard to the provisions in the preceding paragraph, the students may take subjects in M.A. Program in other departments upon approval by the person in charge of the subjects and use them, limited to 8 credits, for free credits.
7. The master's thesis must be submitted on the student's Specialized Subject.

## Brief summary of Ph.D. Program

### Research Fields and Course registration procedure

\*The ○ mark in front of the names of the person in charge indicates the faculty member in charge of students' recruitment in AY 2024.

Specialized Divisions	Research Fields (Specialized Subjects)	Person in Charge	Research Theme
A Comparative Study of Financial Systems	Advanced Study: A Comparative Study of Financial Systems I a Advanced Study: A Comparative Study of Financial Systems I b Advanced Study: A Comparative Study of Financial Systems II a Advanced Study: A Comparative Study of Financial Systems II b Advanced Study: A Comparative Study of Financial Systems III a Advanced Study: A Comparative Study of Financial Systems III b	Professor Ph. D. ○KAKESHITA Tatsuro	The detailed content of the research will be discussed with the students, and the main purpose of this research is why the business models, mechanisms for making profits, of financial institutions are different in each country. In the business model, the profit and the profit structure are important concepts, and it is essential for us to understand their commonalities and differences. In response to these issues, we will clarify the financial business model of each country by understanding the business development of financial institutions using the profit structure analysis based on micro data.
Asian Economy	Advanced Study: Asian Economy I a Advanced Study: Asian Economy I b Advanced Study: Asian Economy II a Advanced Study: Asian Economy II b Advanced Study: Asian Economy III a Advanced Study: Asian Economy III b	Professor Ph.D. in International Development ○Akkemik Kucuk Ali	Recently, East Asia has played an essential role in the world economy. East Asia has achieved unprecedented economic development thanks to rapid economic growth and technological development. It is believed that the underlying factors are long-term economic development strategies, including industrial policies, and inclusive institutions. In this course, we will use advanced theories of macroeconomics and development economics and discuss and analyze various topics including, among others, economic development in East Asia, industrial policy, science and technology policy, productivity improvement, political economy of development, global value chains, and economic integration. We will also employ quantitative analytical methods and empirical analysis. The goal of the course is to gain the capability to apply the concepts and analytical methods of development economics to East Asia.
Theory of International Trade	Advanced Study: Theory of International Trade I a Advanced Study: Theory of International Trade I b Advanced Study: Theory of International Trade II a Advanced Study: Theory of International Trade II b Advanced Study: Theory of International Trade III a Advanced Study: Theory of International Trade III b	Professor Ph.D in Economics ○YUTAKA Yoshiaki	Students are required to collect and read previous researches dealing with issues of the European Union in the field of international economy and to select the theme of the doctoral thesis in process of in-depth examination of previous researches and academic discussion with professors.
International Finance	Advanced Study: International Finance I a Advanced Study: International Finance I b Advanced Study: International Finance II a Advanced Study: International Finance II b Advanced Study: International Finance III a Advanced Study: International Finance III b	Professor Ph. D. ○IZU Hisashi	Each student makes a research report and discusses it with all participants. I provide advice and guidance to help students complete a doctoral dissertation on international finance.
Business Strategy	Advanced Study: Business Strategy I a Advanced Study: Business Strategy I b Advanced Study: Business Strategy II a Advanced Study: Business Strategy II b Advanced Study: Business Strategy III a Advanced Study: Business Strategy III b	Professor ○GOHRIKI Chikou	In this lecture, in addition to business strategies as an external adaptation approach, we will also consider the internal structure of the organization that greatly influences its behavior, and examine theoretically and practically new business strategies—business strategies based on CSR theory to satisfy various stakeholders—that will enable sustainable growth of companies with presenting case studies of companies. It is required for students to raise their own questions, and we derive conclusions while exchanging opinions.
Accounting	Advanced Study: Accounting I a Advanced Study: Accounting I b Advanced Study: Accounting II a Advanced Study: Accounting II b Advanced Study: Accounting III a Advanced Study: Accounting III b	Professor ○NAGATSUKA Wataru	In this lecture, I will provide research guidance for obtaining a doctoral degree on the research theme which the student selects from the academic fields related to accounting.
Cost Accounting	Advanced Study: Cost Accounting I a Advanced Study: Cost Accounting I b Advanced Study: Cost Accounting II a Advanced Study: Cost Accounting II b Advanced Study: Cost Accounting III a Advanced Study: Cost Accounting III b	Professor Ph. D. ○TASAKA Ko	The purpose of this lecture and exercise is to acquire systematic specialized knowledge from the basics to applications not only for traditional cost accounting but also for the latest management accounting. Furthermore, the goal of this lecture and exercise is to acquire the ability as a human resource to lead companies and local communities, and to be able to contribute to society. In this lecture, we will recognize the issues related to cost accounting and management accounting, aim to write and complete a doctoral dissertation according to the points of discussion of each student, and provide research guidance. The final goal is to complete a dissertation with content and quality suitable for a doctoral degree.
Management Accounting	Advanced Study: Management Accounting I a Advanced Study: Management Accounting I b Advanced Study: Management Accounting II a Advanced Study: Management Accounting II b Advanced Study: Management Accounting III a Advanced Study: Management Accounting III b	Professor ○SHINOHARA Kosuma	Coursework will be conducted to provide an overall picture of research areas related to management accounting and control, particularly aspects of strategic planning, strategy in practice, and management control systems. In the course, students will be given advice on the selection of research themes to be addressed, and guidance on conference presentations and the publication of papers. Guidance will be provided to help students compile them into a doctoral thesis.
International Accounting	Advanced Study: International Accounting I a Advanced Study: International Accounting I b Advanced Study: International Accounting II a Advanced Study: International Accounting II b Advanced Study: International Accounting III a Advanced Study: International Accounting III b	Professor Doctor of Business Administration ○IKEDA Kenichi	In this class, we read and examine the former study that each graduate student select topic on international accounting and financial accounting. After that, each graduate student do research, give a few papers on the results at a conference, write a doctoral thesis.

### Course registration procedure

1. The standard term of study for students is three years, and the course must be completed in the following manner. However, for those who have made outstanding achievements, it is sufficient to be enrolled for at least more than one year.
2. Students must select one specialized division as a major for their study. The Specialized Subjects would be his/her required subjects and students must earn 24 credits.
3. Student's supervisor must be a person in charge of a Research Field in a Specialized Division and students shall receive guidance in the preparation of the thesis and other general research matters from his/her supervisor.
4. In addition to Specialized Subjects, students must acquire 4 credits or more from 2 subjects in Special Subjects.
5. The dissertation must be submitted on the student's Specialized Subject.